# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
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CENTRAL FINANCE ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR TOURISM PROJECTS
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to handover Central Assistance Funds directly to the State Government Tourism corporations instead of the State Governments;

(b) if so, whether the Government has set up a task force to reformulate the guidelines of the Central Finance assistance scheme for tourism projects;

(c) if so, whether the task force has since submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details of recommendations made by the task force and the steps taken to speed up the implementation of tourism projects;

(e) the extent to which the scheme of providing funds directly to the tourism corporation is going to encourage various tourism projects; and

(f) if not, the time by which the task force is likely to submit its report to the Government?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE ( SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) : The Department of Tourism releases funds to the State Government Tourism Corporations on the recommendations of the State Governments for specified projects prioritised every year in consultation with them.

(b) to (d) : Review of Guidelines by the Department is an ongoing process.

(e) and (f) : The funds are allocated to the executing agencies i.e. State Tourism Development Corporations in order to overcome the difficulty of unnecessary delay in executing the projects on time.